

**Attention High School Youth: On Friday, December 28** (during break) from 6-8 pm, we will be having an escape event at the church. This event is for all youth in 7th grade and up. Youth will have one hour to solve puzzles and break the code keeping them from leaving. Cost is only \$10/youth and friends are invited.

**2018 Offering** – The last day to get your offering in for 2018 will be Sunday, December 30. If you will not be able to make it here that Sunday, please drop off your offering by Friday, December 21, 2018 to have it included in 2018.

**If anyone is interested in playing special music** before the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service, please contact Lori Nienkerk at 360-9001.

## **Christmas Services**

**Monday, December 24**

**4:00 PM**

Traditional candlelight communion service with choir singing and the singing of traditional Christmas hymns. Special music will start at 3:30 pm.

**7:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

Traditional candlelight communion service and the singing of traditional Christmas hymns. Special music will start at 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday, December 25 - 9:00 AM**

Intimate traditional communion service with singing of traditional Christmas hymns.

**Don't forget** that a purchase of a Hy-Vee or Fareway gift card helps our general fund. The more we sell, the more we can deposit into the general fund. These make great gifts.



**The office will be closed** on Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday and on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 for the New Year's Holiday.

**The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of November, 2018:**

General Fund:	
Bal. 10/31/18:	(\$20,781.06)
Inc.; November	\$30,227.89
Exp., November	\$25,682.13
Bal. 11/30/18:	(\$16,235.30)
(The amount shows behind budget.)	

**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**  
**1200 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Worthington, MN 56187**  
 Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor  
**Web Site:** felcwgtm.org & **Email:** felcwgtm@frontiernet.net  
**December 16, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**9:00 am Services**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

“A CANDLE IS BURNING”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LESSON: Luke 2:1-20 (p. 832-833)

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

“Alleluia”

\*GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18 (p. 834)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“WOW” by Gwynne Watkins

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

ELW 283, “O Come All Ye Faithful”

\*APOSTLE'S CREED

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir, “Bring Us Hope”

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*BLESSING

\*SENDING SONG

ELW 267, “Joy to the World” (vs. 3 & 4)

\*DISMISSAL



**Annual Reports are due in to the church office by Monday, December 31.**

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ACOLYTE:** Katelyn Frodermann/Ayden Schaffer  
**USHER:** Steven Adams  
**NURSERY:** Julie & Stephie Bauman  
**LECTOR:** Kendra Frodermann & Riley Widboom  
**GREETERS:** Don & Kathy Craun (N)  
Al & Doris Selberg (B)  
**POWERPOINT:** Glenda Lais  
**ORGANIST:** Lori Nienkerk  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Lisa Waldner  
**SOUND:** Kevin Fleming  
**COFFEE:** Calvin & Ruth Rehborg/Jay & Kathy Myer  
**VAN DRIVER:** 12/16 – Leroy Merkel  
12/23 – Ron Hallstrom  
**BUSY BAGS:** December – Pam Fleming  
January – Kathy Craun

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 128                      Attendance a year ago: 167  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 25



**Members:** Dustin Poppema, Gene Wachter, Betty Nelson, Diane Sletten

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Dianne Sanderson, Ruth Yeske, Sandra Marsh, Nancy Zuehlke, Arlene Muse

**Members in Care Facilities:** Norma Radenbaugh, Jerry Anderson, Bobbie Elvin, Dorothy Hallstrom, Joan Doeden, Adeline Larson, Jean Bender, Wes Anderson, Edna Marsh

**Family Members & Friends:** Arianna Johnson (niece to Dusty and Tiffany Neugebauer), Cam Aker (Rolf & Joan Mahlberg), Virgil Reed (Darcy Poppema's dad), Peggy Konold (Norma Radenbaugh's daughter), Gene Termunde (Lisa Waldner's brother), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son), Mary Elsing (Merle Elsing's mom), Pat Termunde (Lisa Waldner's mom), Julie Garvin

**Our service men and women**

**Our Missionaries:** Chuck & Sybil Rounds in Costa Rica and Love INC.

### FELC SCHEDULE FOR December 17 – December 23, 2018

Monday 17	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> (December 23 & 30)
Tuesday 18	7:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Early Risers Bible Study Finance Team Church Council
Wednesday 19	3:30PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	KFC Meal Worship – Holden Evening Prayer for Advent 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation & Youth Group (Caroling) Sanctuary Choir
Thursday 20	9:00AM 9:30AM	Synod Pastor's Conference Hannah Circle
Friday 21		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday 22		
Sunday 23	9:00AM 5:00-10:00PM	Worship – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Posada - Manus Unidas

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** (Service time is 8:00 am on the radio.)

In memory of Linda Towne's parents, Philipp & Dorothy Akerson.

**We are looking** for a volunteer to do the Confirmation Stoles for our youth. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Jeanette or Jon Wendt.

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries** is holding their annual "Winter Fun Day" for all 3rd-6th graders on December 27. We will go and enjoy the camp and all it has to offer for this day. Sign-up now if interested.

**Gift Cards** will not be available in the church office from December 26 – 31.